

**MINUTES OF THE  
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, June 20, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – Room 210 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Senate Chair  
Rep. Roger E. Barrus, House Chair  
Sen. Casey O. Anderson  
Sen. Allen M. Christensen  
Sen. Margaret Dayton  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. Brad L. Dee  
Rep. Jack R. Draxler  
Rep. Brad J. Galvez  
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson  
Rep. Ken Ivory  
Rep. John G. Mathis

Rep. Michael E. Noel  
Rep. Douglas Sagers  
Rep. Evan J. Vickers  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins  
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Melvin R. Brown  
Rep. Bill Wright

**Staff Present:**

Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Tracy J. Nuttall, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Kimberly A. Heiner, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Okerlund called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2012 committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

**2. Sale of Hunting and Fishing Licenses**

Ms. Nuttall discussed and distributed "Utah Code 23-19-9.5 Warrant outstanding or failure to comply with citation -- Person not entitled to license, permit, tag, or certificate."

Sen. Scott Jenkins said that there are 300,000 warrants in the state that are uncollectible. He said he is exploring the idea of creating legislation to allow the Department of Public Safety to access the Department of Wildlife Resources hunting and fishing database for the purpose of identifying people who have an outstanding warrant. He said this could bring in millions of dollars to the state. He responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. Mike Fowlks, Law Enforcement Section Chief, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, said that the Division of Wildlife Resources supports the idea of providing the contact information to the Department of Public Safety if it is legal to provide this information.

**3. Transfer of Public Lands Study Preliminary Report**

Ms. Kathleen Clark, Coordinator, Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, gave a preliminary report on the activities of the Constitutional Defense Council, which she said was charged with studying the transfer of public lands.

Rep. Ivory gave historical examples of the successful transfer of public lands in several states. Rep. Ivory responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. Vince Rampton, 2012 candidate for Lieutenant Governor and attorney with Jones, Waldo, Holbrook & McDonough, said that he was concerned with the wording of 2012 General Session H.B. 148, "Transfer of Public Lands and Related Study" because that legislation mandates the federal government to extinguish title of its own lands. He said a more measured approach is warranted. He also said that Utah is going to lose this battle in court. He responded to questions from the committee.

#### **4. Department of Environmental Quality - Emerging Issues**

Ms. Amanda Smith, Executive Director, Department of Environmental Quality, discussed emerging issues within the Department of Environmental Quality and distributed a memorandum outlining these issues. She responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. Brok LeBaron, Department of Environmental Quality, distributed and discussed "Uintah Basin 2012 Winter Ozone Study." He also discussed the Ozone Advance Program.

Mr. Bryce Bird, Director, Division of Air Quality, discussed and distributed "PM2.5 State Implementation Plan Update." He responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. Walt Baker, Director, Utah Division of Water Quality, discussed and distributed "A Great Salt Lake Water Quality Strategy, April 2012" strategy. He also discussed and distributed a handout on nutrient pollution and water quality improvements. He responded to questions from the committee.

#### **5. Boating Amendments (2012 General Session H.B. 329)**

Mr. Dave Harris, Boating Coordinator, Division of Parks and Recreation, discussed Utah's Boating Program and 2012 General Session H.B. 329, "Boating Amendments." He responded to questions from the committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Davis moved to adopt H.B. 329, "Boating Amendments" as a committee bill.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION;** Rep. Ivory made a substitute motion to continue study of boating issues. The substitute motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dee and Sen. Dayton absent for the vote.

#### **6. Other Committee Business / Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Barrus moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dayton and Rep. Dee absent for the vote.

Chair Okerlund adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.